

January 13, 1992 LB 228, 871, 1029-1035

may. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the advancement of LB 871.

PRESIDENT MOUL: LB 871 is advanced. We will now proceed with bill introduction.

CLERK: Madam President, bill introduction. The first bill this morning is LB 1029. (Read LBs 1029-1035 by title for the first time. See pages 244-245 of the Legislative Journal.) That's all that I have at this time, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We will then proceed with General File, LB 228.

CLERK: Madam President, LB 228 was a bill introduced by Senator Kristensen and Senator Chambers. (Title read.) The bill was introduced on January 14 of 1991. At that time it was referred to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments pending by the Government Committee, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Conway.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Madam President and members. The bill as was introduced basically established and created the position of the Counsel of the Legislature to be under the control of the Clerk. On the committee statement you can see that the counsel could provide advice to legislation, draft bills, advise committees and so forth and so on. As we heard the testimony during the committee hearing and the Government Committee took under advisement some of the discussion that was going on while at the public hearing we offered a committee amendment that I think would provide for what the crux of the question really was in terms of what the Legislature needed as a committee counsel, or excuse me, as a legislative counsel. The committee amendment removes the responsibilities that were listed specifically in the bill that addressed the specific activities, that being advisement under the control of the Clerk, an advisement to specifically on legal opinions and the like, but basically made this counsel or made the approval as such that if the Executive Board so deemed they could hire a counsel to deal with specific issues that come before the body.